

assigned to operations in the Gulf of Tonkin aboard the USS *Cimarron*. As a communications specialist, he was responsible for directing replenishment activities including dealing with classified cargo supplies for aircraft carriers and their escorts. Following two tours of duty in Vietnam, Richard served on assignments with SEAL Team 119 and ultimately retired in 1986.

Chief Petty Officer Lerma earned the National Defense Service Medal, 20 Year Good Conduct Medal, Navy Sharpshooter w/E, Vietnam Service Medal with two Bronze Stars, Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm Unit Citation Badge, and numerous unit awards and service ribbons.

Following service, Richard attended the San Diego Academy and was later appointed to the Federal Law Enforcement Academy. His role would lead him to an assignment at the International Border and a promotion to a K-9 Narcotic Enforcement Officer dealing with international smugglers, human traffickers, and undercover operations with various federal agencies. Following 9/11, Lerma was transferred to Customs and Border Protection where he would work until his retirement in 2014.

Mr. Lerma has earned a reputation as a respected member of our local veterans community and has worked tirelessly to assist veterans with education and relief programs. Richard is an active member of Vietnam Veterans of America, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Collin County Veterans Coalition. He also dedicates his time to assisting with two prison ministries where he visits incarcerated military inmates who have lost their way. Richard Lerma has led a tremendous life of service to our county and is to be commended for his many efforts.

Today a grateful Nation thanks Chief Petty Officer Lerma for his exceptional service and congratulates him on this recognition. May his steadfast example of leadership inspire others to live a life of service to a cause greater than themselves. It is my extreme honor to award him the 2021 Congressional Veteran Commendation for the Third District of Texas.

#### CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF SERGEANT GINGER GERSBACHER

#### HON. JOHN KATKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 28, 2021*

Mr. KATKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the career of Senior Master Sergeant D. Ginger Gersbacher, who retired from the United States Air Force (USAF) on July 29, 2021 after more than 29 years of military service.

A native of Central New York and graduate of C.W. Baker High School and the State University of New York at Morrisville, Sergeant Gersbacher enlisted into the New York Air National Guard in June 1992. After completing basic training as well as technical school training as an Instrument and Flight Control Systems Specialist, she returned to Syracuse in January 1993 to serve in the 174th Attack Wing. Within the unit, Sergeant Gersbacher served as an Avionics Technician with the Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, and later accept-

ed a part time position in the Maintenance Operations Center. While serving in these positions, Sergeant Gersbacher also returned to school to complete a Baccalaureate Degree in Computer Science from Columbia College, graduating Summa Cum Laude.

Later, Sergeant Gersbacher was deployed and supported combat missions, participating in Operation Provide Comfort, Operation Northern Watch, and Operation Southern Watch. Following the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, she volunteered for active duty and served with the 174th Attack Wing of the New York Air National Guard during Operation Noble Eagle, flying air patrol missions over New York City. Later, Sergeant Gersbacher reassigned as a maintenance analyst and was deployed three more times from 2006 to 2008, participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom. In 2014, Sergeant Gersbacher established the Inspector General Office of Inspections within the 174th Attack Wing at Hancock Field Air National Guard Base, and maintained her position in the Inspector General's Office until her retirement.

For her service, Sergeant Gersbacher has earned numerous awards including the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, and the Air Force Achievement Medal.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House to join me in recognizing Senior Master Sergeant Ginger Gersbacher for her nearly three decades of honorable service. I wish Sergeant Gersbacher the best in her retirement.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF RAYMOND MATTZ

#### HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 28, 2021*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in celebration of the life of Raymond Mattz, who passed away at the age of 79 on September 2, 2021. Raymond was a revered elder of the Yurok Tribe who fought for his people's fishing rights and their reservation, including in a landmark case before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Raymond grew up in Requa, at the mouth of the Klamath River. Though his Yurok ancestors had signed a treaty with the U.S. government in 1855, it was not ratified, which led the state of California to open the Yurok Reservation to white settlement in 1892. This meant tribal fishermen had to obtain permits to fish, which severely limited the catch that the Yurok people had depended on since time immemorial. After being cited by a game warden for fishing, Raymond contested his case in state court, and then finally in the U.S. Supreme Court in 1973.

The Supreme Court overturned California's assertion that the reservation was no longer Yurok country. Following the ruling, the state turned jurisdiction of the reservation to the federal government, which banned fishing outright and led to the salmon wars of 1978. Raymond was a leader among fishermen who continued to fish despite being targets of federal agents who often violently accosted them and confiscated gear. His efforts helped lead to the establishment of the Yurok Tribe's fishing

rights on the Klamath River. Raymond also served on the Yurok Tribal Council and was a member of the Yurok Cultural and Natural Resources committees.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask that you join me in extending condolences to Raymond's family, friends, and tribe; and in expressing our deep appreciation for his decades of contribution to tribal rights and the Yurok Tribe.

#### ALTHAUS LAW

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 28, 2021*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Althaus Law of Northglenn, Colorado for earning the City of Northglenn's Small Business of the Year Award.

The Small Business of the Year Award recognizes a local business with up to twenty employees that had an outstanding year of business and leadership in the community. Althaus Law, led by founder Jeff Althaus, is dedicated to estate law in Colorado, helping countless families plan for their future through real estate investing. With an emphasis on giving back to the community, Althaus Law is an engaged and valued small business in Northglenn.

Congratulations to Althaus Law for receiving this award and I wish them all the best in the future. I thank them for their contribution to our community.

#### RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT CHARLES "CHUCK" DANIELS, RECIPIENT OF TEXAS' THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2021 CONGRESSIONAL VETERAN COMMENDATION

#### HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 28, 2021*

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, it is my privilege to honor fifteen distinguished military veterans from Texas' Third Congressional District who answered the call to serve their Nation honorably, both in uniform and following their return to civilian life. The recipients of the 2021 Congressional Veteran Commendation exemplify the time-honored qualities of patriotism, service before self, and bold leadership. Following their time in service, their efforts in our community have earned these fine individuals recognition as the recipients of this prestigious commendation. Their stories of sacrifice will encourage future generations to pursue a life dedicated to the very values we cherish as Americans: faith, freedom, and democracy. One such hero is Lieutenant Charles "Chuck" Daniels of Allen, Texas.

Lieutenant Daniels faithfully served our nation in the United States Navy from 1979 to 1984. His selfless service included support for American actions during the Iran Hostage Crisis.

For his efforts, Lieutenant Daniels was awarded the Sea Service Ribbon, Humanitarian Service Ribbon, and the Navy Expeditionary Medal.

In his post-military career, Daniels was an indispensable asset for program development and direction with Raytheon Defense Systems where he dealt with top secret programs centered on radar systems technology.

As a tireless advocate for our veterans and military, Lieutenant Daniels has become a known leader in the Dallas Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW), where he has assumed a variety of roles including Junior Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander, and as the current Commander. Never one to seek recognition, Chuck is often behind the scenes working on such initiatives including the Dallas Veterans Day Parade, Dallas Community Police Awards, and the Boy and Girl Scout Leadership Awards. As a direct result of his efforts, this year MOWW has been designated as the best large chapter, an international designation of which the organization is justifiably proud. Due to his leadership, Chuck was awarded the coveted MOWW Gold Patrick Henry Medal. Lieutenant Daniels continually strives to exhibit service before self within our veterans community, making an indelible impression on those around him. For his efforts, we give him our unwavering gratitude.

Today a grateful Nation thanks Lieutenant Daniels for his exceptional service and congratulates him on this recognition. May his steadfast example of leadership inspire others to live a life of service to a cause greater than themselves. It is my extreme honor to award him the 2021 Congressional Veteran Commendation for the Third District of Texas.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE BOROUGH OF SAYREVILLE, NEW JERSEY

#### HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 28, 2021*

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Borough of Sayreville, New Jersey as it formally celebrates its centennial this year, after marking its 100th anniversary in 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is my honor to join with borough officials and residents in commemorating this significant milestone.

Although established as a township in 1876 after breaking away from South Amboy, Sayreville was incorporated as a borough in 1920. Following Sayre and Fisher Company's establishment of a post office in 1860, the name Sayreville became the commonly used term to reference the area.

With its rich clay deposits and shoreline proximity to New York City, pottery and brick manufacturing was the backbone of the area's early industrialization. The Sayre and Fisher Brick Company, operating from 1850 to 1969, was one of the state's largest employers and supported the rapid growth of the community, from less than 2,000 residents in 1876, to over 32,500 by the end of the 1960s. Materials made in Sayreville not only helped construct buildings throughout town, they were also used in the construction of the Empire State Building and Holland Tunnel.

In 1968, Sayreville elected Peggy Kerr as Mayor, who proudly served as the first woman to hold the position in Sayreville's history. In its centennial, the borough is governed by

Mayor Victoria Kilpatrick, Council President Kevin Dalina, and council members Vincent Conti, Damon Enriquez, Michele Maher, Mary Novak and Donna Roberts.

Madam Speaker, I sincerely hope my colleagues will join me in marking the 100th anniversary of the Borough of Sayreville and celebrating its rich history.

#### HONORING THE LAUNCH OF MAJOR LEAGUE PICKLEBALL

#### HON. ROGER WILLIAMS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 28, 2021*

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the launch of the inaugural season of Major League Pickleball (MLP) on November 5, 2021. I'm proud to say that MLP's Season One will take place in Texas' 25th Congressional District at Dreamland in Dripping Springs, Texas, and it will feature eight MLP teams led by an accomplished list of owners:

Discovery Warriors: Eric Kuo and Mike Meldman

Pickle Ranchers: Bryan Sheffield and Tim Klitch

Team Clean: West Hunt, Tim Berry and Navdeep Sooch

Team Rally: John Raymond and Jim Toth  
ATX Pickleballers: Brene Brown, Steve Alley and Charles Kiley

The Lions: Marc Lasry and James Blake  
Chimeras: Charles Attal and Charlie Walker  
Team BLQK: Richie Tuazon

MLP will feature the world's best female and male professional pickleball players, competing in a unique format for the Pritchard Cup, named after the late U.S. Representative Joel Pritchard of Washington State, the inventor of pickleball.

The new league has two stated aims—to create a platform to showcase the world's best professional pickleball players to pickleball fans worldwide; and to attract new people to pickleball. Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in America and already enjoyed by over 4 million regular players, according to The Economist.

MLP is the brainchild of Steve Kuhn, a noted business leader and entrepreneur whose passion and love of pickleball inspired him to found MLP in 2021. Kuhn's goal is to spread pickleball as widely as possible to ensure children and adults from all walks of life will be able to play.

I would like to express my support for the launch of the newly created Major League Pickleball and I wish them well in their inaugural season.

#### THANKING WHITNEY TEMPEL FOR HER SERVICE TO KANSAS

#### HON. JAKE LATURNER

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 28, 2021*

Mr. LATURNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank a member of my staff for her tireless service to my district and our state. Whitney Tempel began her time working for

the constituents of the Kansas Second Congressional District as an intern in 2017, and joined my team as a district representative when I was first sworn in.

Each and every day, Whitney advocates for my constituents in every aspect of her job from grant applications to passport requests. Just this summer, I know that lives were saved in Afghanistan because of Whitney's perseverance and diligence in securing safe travel out of Kabul. This week is Whitney's last with my office, and while we are sad to lose her, I will always be grateful for her work and look forward to seeing the great things she has in store.

#### METRO BROKERS NORTH METRO OF NORTHGLENN

#### HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 28, 2021*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Metro Brokers North Metro of Northglenn, Colorado for receiving the City of Northglenn Business of the Year Award in Longevity.

Metro Brokers North Metro is a full-service real estate house dedicated to helping buyers, sellers, commercial tenants, landlords, and investors manage their profits. Their team of knowledgeable and dedicated agents gives their clients a host of valuable information, leading to better decisions and an accurate understanding of their assets. This commitment to providing quality service has distinguished this business for many years, over which they have built a thriving organization that seeks to provide the best possible service.

It is my honor to extend my thanks to Metro Brokers North Metro for their superb business that has truly stood the test of time. Real estate is an industry that can be easily abused if led by the wrong people, but this team has consistently demonstrated their honesty, celerity, and transparency when it comes to assisting their clients. The community at Northglenn applauds their service and anticipates their business for many years to come.

#### RECOGNIZING NAVY SEAL RYAN PARROTT, RECIPIENT OF TEXAS' THIRD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2021 CONGRESSIONAL VET- ERAN COMMENDATION

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